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Report of the International Conference on Population and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/176 of 22 December 1992 and 48/186 of 21 December 1993 on the International Conference on Population and Development, and 48/162 of 20 December 1993 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/91 of 26 July 1989, 1991/93 of 26 July 1991, 1992/37 of 30 July 1992, 1993/4 of 12 February 1993, and 1993/76 of 30 July 1993, in which the Council decided on the convening, mandate and preparatory process of the International Conference on Population and Development,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council decision 1994/227 of 14 July 1994, by which the Council approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-eighth session of the Population Commission, including discussion of the implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

** On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries.

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolutions 3 (III) of 3 October 1946, 150 (VII) of 10 August 1948 and 1985/4 of 28 May 1985 on the mandate of the Population Commission, as well as 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 and 1986/7 of 21 May 1986 on the aims and purposes of the United Nations Population Fund,

Reaffirming the importance and continued validity of the goals, principles and objectives established at the World Population Conference held in Bucharest in 1974 and the International Conference on Population held in Mexico City in 1984,

Having considered the report of the International Conference on Population and Development, which took place in Cairo, Egypt, from 5 to 13 September 1994, 1/

Acknowledging fully the interrelationship among population, sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

Recognizing that the implementation of population and development policies and programmes is the sovereign right of each country, consistent with national laws and development priorities, with full respect for the various religious and ethical values and cultural backgrounds of its people, and in conformity with universally recognized human rights,

Expressing its satisfaction at the fact that the Conference and its preparatory process enabled the full and active involvement of States Members of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and of observers and various intergovernmental organizations as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations, representing all regions of the world,

Expressing its profound gratitude to the Government and people of Egypt for the hospitality extended to the participants at the Conference and for the facilities, staff and services placed at their disposal,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the International Conference on Population and Development; 1/

2. Endorses the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development 2/ as adopted on 13 September 1994;

3. Acknowledges the contribution made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Conference to the successful organization of the Conference;

1/ A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1.

2/ Ibid., chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

National, regional and international implementation of the Programme of Action

4. Affirms that, in the implementation of the Programme of Action, Governments should commit themselves at the highest political level to achieving its goals and objectives, acknowledging the shared but differentiated responsibilities of all the world's peoples for a common future, and take a lead role in coordinating the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of follow-up actions;

5. Calls upon all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other major groups concerned with population and development issues, including non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians and other community leaders, to give the widest possible dissemination to the Programme of Action and to seek public support for its goals, objectives and actions;

6. Fully acknowledges that the factors of population, poverty, patterns of production and consumption, and the environment are so closely interconnected that none of them can be considered in isolation;

7. Urges all countries to consider their current spending priorities with a view to making additional contributions for the implementation of the Programme of Action, taking into account the provisions of chapters XIII and XIV of the Programme of Action, and the economic constraints faced by developing countries;

8. Acknowledges the importance of subregional and regional activities undertaken during preparations for the Conference, affirms the ongoing importance of such commitment to population and development issues and calls upon relevant subregional and regional organizations, within their respective mandates, to play an active role in the implementation of the Programme of Action;

9. Emphasizes that international cooperation in the field of population is essential for the implementation of the recommendations adopted at the Conference and, in that context, calls upon the international community to provide, both bilaterally and multilaterally, adequate and substantial international support and assistance for population activities, particularly through the United Nations Population Fund, in order to ensure full and consistent support for efforts directed at the implementation, at all levels, of the Programme of Action;

10. Calls upon the organs and organizations of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies to undertake the actions required to give full and effective support to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

11. Acknowledges the important contribution made by non-governmental groups and organizations from all regions to the Conference and its preparatory process and emphasizes the need to maintain and enhance such effective partnership contributions and cooperation in all aspects of population and development, so as to ensure the full implementation of the Programme of Action;

Mobilizing resources for population and development

12. Recognizes that the effective implementation of the Programme of Action will require an increased commitment of financial resources, both domestically and externally, and in this context calls upon the developed countries to intensify their efforts to transfer new and additional resources to the developing countries in order to ensure that population and development objectives and goals are met;

13. Emphasizes the importance of the early identification and allocation of financial resources by all members of the international community, including regional financial institutions, to enable them to fulfil their commitments to the implementation of the Programme of Action;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to consult with the various bodies of the United Nations system, as well as with international financial institutions and various bilateral aid organizations and agencies, with a view to promoting an exchange of information among them on the requirements for international assistance, reviewing on a regular basis the specific needs of countries in the field of population and development and maximizing the availability of resources and their most effective utilization;

15. Invites the Secretary-General to prepare an estimate of the additional resources needed to ensure adequate follow-up activities by the United Nations;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare periodic reports for the substantive sessions of the Economic and Social Council on the financial flow of international resources for assisting in the implementation of the Programme of Action, both bilaterally and multilaterally, and to promote the exchange of information on the requirements for international assistance among the members of the donor community;

17. Urges the international community to promote a supportive international economic environment by adopting favourable macroeconomic policies for promoting sustained economic growth and sustainable development;

Institutional follow-up to the Conference

18. Stresses the importance of continued and enhanced cooperation and coordination by all relevant units and organs of the United Nations system in the implementation of the Programme of Action;

19. Emphasizes the need for follow-up activities relating to the Conference and the Programme of Action so as to utilize, to the fullest extent possible, existing capacity within the United Nations system in the area of population and development, in particular the Population Commission, the Population Division of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the Secretariat and the United Nations Population Fund;

20. Requests all the specialized agencies and related organizations of the United Nations system to review and where necessary adjust their programmes and

activities in line with the Programme of Action and take appropriate measures to ensure its full and effective implementation, taking into account the specific needs of developing countries, and to ensure that their actions in this regard are reported to the Economic and Social Council for coordination purposes and to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session for policy implications;

21. Decides that the Population Commission shall be renamed the Commission on Population and Development and recommends that the Economic and Social Council review, at its substantive session of 1995, the terms of reference, the mandate, and the composition of the Commission which is to be expanded to 53 members, as well as the periodicity of its sessions which is to be an annual one, and in this context also decides that the Commission, so revitalized, shall be the principal intergovernmental mechanism to monitor, review and assess the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;

22. Requests the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1995, to consider:

(a) The establishment of a separate Executive Board of the United Nations Population Fund to ensure the operational follow-up of the International Conference on Population and Development and its Programme of Action;

(b) The appropriate secretarial support arrangements;

(c) The establishment of an appropriate inter-agency coordination, collaboration and harmonization mechanism;

23. Also requests the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1995, to review the reporting procedures within the United Nations system regarding population and development issues;

24. Further requests the Economic and Social Council:

(a) To examine the results of a quinquennial review and appraisal of the progress made in achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action;

(b) To discuss relevant matters concerning the implementation of population and development programmes, as well as matters concerning harmonization, cooperation and collaboration within the United Nations system regarding the implementation of the Programme of Action;

(c) To discuss the reports submitted by the different bodies and other bodies and organs on various matters related to the Programme of Action;

25. Invites the governing body of the United Nations Population Fund to oversee, on a regular basis, the response of the Fund to the needs of countries regarding the implementation of the Programme of Action, in particular to the specific requests from developing countries for assistance in the preparation of national reports, within its area of competence and to report to the Economic and Social Council on this matter;

26. Requests the Population Commission, at its twenty-eighth session, to review, within its area of competence, the Programme of Action and its implications for the activities of the United Nations system, including the implications for the Commission itself, and to transmit its views to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995;

27. Requests the Secretary-General to report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

28. Decides to include in the agenda of its forthcoming sessions an item entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development".